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1. A "new" wave of arrests has reportedly taken place in Albania since the removal from office of Spiro Pano and Rita Marko, both of whom are said to be under arrest. An investigation is allegedly under way against deviators and Yugoslav sympathizers, many of whom are said to be in the Army.
2. The unidentified informant attributes the removal from office of the above two officials to differences with the Hoxha Government over the excessive introduction of Soviet functionaries into Albanian internal party affairs and administration.

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